

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 13, lines 18-24 and page 25, lines 6-13 of the specification as shown below.

Paragraph at Page 13, lines 18-24

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Where a water-soluble strippable paint is used, it is desired that the temperature and the moisture inside the booth be in ranges of 10-25°C and 50-80%, respectively. As an example, Lapguard brand peelable paint prepared by Kansai Paint Co., Ltd., Japan, was used as the water-soluble strippable paint, and it was applied inside the application booth 4 under the above-described temperature and moisture conditions.

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Paragraph at Page 25, lines 6-13

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After that, as above, the automobile body is conveyed to an assembly step 44 and an engine and functional parts are mounted thereon. In this preferred embodiment, because the strippable paint coating step 45 is interposed after the painting step 43 and before the assembly step 44, the kind of anti-scratch cover fitting and removal steps provided before and after the assembly step in the preferred embodiment of Fig. 7 are unnecessary. Of course, the strippable paint is applied in a suitable amount to form a protective film of sufficient thickness to protect the paint finished surfaces of the vehicle from scratches, adhesion of dust and the like during the assembly step 44.

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